



TUESDAY EVENING, MAR. 18 1902

THE LEADERS of the House who fear the rapid growth of influence and power in the South have determined to force through the Crumpacker resolution for an investigation of the suffrage question as it affects representation in Congress. This decision was reached yesterday by the committee on rules, by a partisan vote. The object is to overhaul the election systems of such of the southern States as have disfranchised illiterate negroes by the enactment of ballot laws that fix an educational qualification. This move of the majority means a repetition of the old forces bill fight and a revival of the sectional bitterness of reconstruction days. This iniquitous measure should be resisted from start to finish. Senator Gorman the man who defeated the force bill in one of the most memorable struggles in Congressional history, spoke with no uncertain sound last night regarding the developments in the House when he said: "The democrats must fight this proposition from now until the end of this Congress. They must fight, and fight, and fight." Ex-Senator Hill is also equally opposed to the bill and last night said: "The proposed investigation will be fruitless and will not injure the democratic party. Of course it should be opposed because it is partisan and unnecessary. It indicates a desperation which is ominous. If the investigation should be followed by an attempt to enact a federal election law, the result would be to unite the democratic party, North, South, East and West, as nothing else could do. It will work the beginning of the end of the republican national rule." So mote it be—Amen.

AS THE years come and go the memory of St. Patrick is more and more revered, not by any one particular denomination, but by those of other evangelical bodies. While much that is circulated as history concerning this illustrious man may be taken cum grano salis, all admit he was one of the pioneers of Christianity, and his work today is a monument to his memory and will become more stable in years to come. The best evidence of the greatness of St. Patrick is the fact that several places have claimed the honor of his birth. The French, for instance, believe he was born in what is now Boulogne, the Scotchmen that he saw the light of day in their country and other nations, we believe, have also claimed him.

Seven Grecian elites mourned for Homer dead through which the living Homer begged his bread. But it was not so with Patrick. He was justly understood and esteemed while he lived, and now, fifteen hundred years, or thereabouts, since he finished his course, he is a fixed and bright star in the spiritual galaxy. This respect to his memory prevails wherever the cross has been planted, and the scene in the Sodality Lyceum Hall last night, where a sprinkling of all creeds had gathered, made the audience feel that it was good for them to be there and listen to the recitations of the life of Ireland's patron saint.

AS ANTICIPATED, the ship subsidy bill passed the Senate yesterday evening by a vote of 42 to 31, all but six republicans voting for the measure, while all the democrats (except Mr. McLaurin of South Carolina, who, however, is not now classed among the democrats) voted against it. The bill taxes the masses of the people to give more money to the already rich ship-builders and transportation lines, whose rapacious maws seem never to be satisfied. Every amendment offered by the democratic side, and intended to protect the interests of the people and the public treasury were voted down, even that preventing those who voted for the bill from becoming beneficiaries under its provisions. As the bill passed there is no restriction upon the amount of money the government may present ship-owners with, except for carrying the mails.

RETROGRESSION seems to have had a shorter run this time than on any previous occasion during the past two score years. Generally the matter undergoes more prolonged discussion, or until something else supersedes it and temporarily absorbs the attention of the community. On the last occasion it was more of a flash in the pan and soon subsided. It may be twenty years, or long after many now living are dead, before the subject is seriously entertained again, and as the years come and go the chances of Alexandria being taken from the Old Dominion become more slim.

PENSION Commissioner Evans, knowing that in the face of a presidential contest he could not expect to resist the power of the G. A. R., which is dead against him, will, it is said, retire, and a higher office will be given to him by the President, who hopes by this course to win favor of the G. A. R., and also to retain that of the friends of Mr.

Evans. This has gotten to be a government conducted for and by the G. A. R.

AMONG THE wars and rumors of wars which characterize the beginning of the twentieth century is one to the effect that a Russo-Japanese conflict is imminent and that Russian troops and war material are being hurried to Vladivostok. There is every indication that sooner or later war between these two powers will be precipitated, and there is every reason to believe that it will not be confined to the Mongolian and Muscovite, when the clash does take place.

It is now asserted that the English were heavily outnumbered by the Boers in the recent reverse of the former. Of course they were. The British were never whipped fairly—that is, according to their versions of the many defeats they have suffered during recent years. When a general is defeated it is useless to attempt to show how it was done. The fact that it was accomplished stands out in bold relief and that should end the matter.

The strike in Boston is virtually over, but a small cloud now hovering over the Pennsylvania coal mines may cause trouble. The miners are said to be about to make certain demands which are likely to culminate in more convulsions. It is hoped by all lovers of peace that the demands may be of such a nature that no friction will result.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

Washington, D. C. March 18.

At a meeting of the Senate committee on finance this morning it was decided by unanimous vote to report favorably the House bill repealing all of the war taxes. A few unimportant amendments were agreed to which do not alter the effect of the bill. The report will probably not be made until next week.

The general immigration bill prepared by Chairman Shattuck of the committee on immigration and naturalization and accepted by that committee, was by him reported to the House today with the recommendation that it be passed. Among other things the bill will exclude all people of anarchistic tendencies, paupers, etc.

The Navy Department today received the following dispatch from Capt. Rodgers, commanding U. S. S. Marietta at Colon to the effect that the rebels have possession of the country west of Panama. Fighting is expected on the isthmus.

The Senate committee on privileges and elections took up the question of the election of Senators by direct vote of the people at its meeting this morning, but no conclusion reached and the committee adjourned with the understanding that the matter should be taken up again at the meeting next Tuesday.

The best sugar conference and their backers at the House held another conference this afternoon. It was decided that there shall be no agreement on any relief for Cuba that contemplates a reduction of the tariff.

The Danish West Indies was the principal topic of discussion at today's Cabinet meeting. The different members expressed their views regarding the future government of the islands. The future status of the islands is said to be causing the administration some concern. They are scarcely important enough to justify the construction of an entire outfit of territorial machinery like Porto Rico, yet there are said to be objections to hitching them to the latter islands.

The House committee on railways and canals today authorized a favorable report on the bill to incorporate the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company whose capital stock will not exceed \$300,000 per mile of canal proposed to be constructed. The company is empowered to construct a canal from some point at or near Pittsburgh on the Ohio river to the most accessible harbor on Lake Erie, between the Pennsylvania and Ohio State lines and the mouth of the Grand river in Ohio.

The House committee on railways and canals today authorized a favorable report on the bill authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a commission to examine and report upon a route for the construction of a free and open water-way to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. The purchase of the works and franchises of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, connecting the bays, is eventually contemplated. The bill also provides for the construction of a canal to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays, also the Queenstown, Centerville, Wye River and Chaptank routes.

Senator Martin has introduced a bill in the Senate to provide certain souvenir medals for the benefit of the Washington Monument Association of Alexandria.

It was officially announced at the Census Bureau yesterday that on March 31 another wholesale reduction of the forces will be made. The Treasury Department is about to revolutionize the system of public money production. Further gold vaults and mints are to be closed and to be done away with and in their stead will be installed novel electric burglar alarms that will bring armed men to the scene of pillage the moment the burglar strikes. The money vaults will be reported every minute to a central office. If the wires are cut to prevent the automatic burglar alarms, the cessation of the every minute reports of "all well" will give the alarm. Steel safes are the most expensive furniture on earth. Hereafter they will be built with only their fire proof qualities in view. The alarms will take care of the burglars.

It is rumored here that Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the Interior, has decided to send in his resignation to the President. The formal letter of resignation and the letter in acceptance of it will be made public before long. Present indications are that Willis Vandewater of Wyoming, formerly of Indiana, and now connected with the Interior Department, will be Mr. Hitchcock's successor.

Representative Jenkins introduced a resolution in the House today asking for reference to the House committee on the Indian Affairs of questions relating to Cuba and its relations to the United States.

The House leaders expect to pass the river and harbor bill tomorrow or Thursday, and then to take up the Moss-Rhea election contest from Kentucky, which will result in the ousting of Reps. Republicans have been requested to remain on duty.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.—The annual meeting of the Board of Pharmacy of Virginia was held in Richmond yesterday. The examination of candidates commenced at 9 a. m. today in the amphitheatre of the University College of Medicine. This change is caused by the Legislature being in session which prevents the hall of the House of Delegates being secured for this meeting.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Intensely cold weather prevailed in the northwest and at some places yesterday the mercury stood at 30° below zero.

The Venezuelan insurgents captured the port of Guanta, but the place was soon afterward recaptured by government troops.

The position of First Assistant Postmaster General has been tendered to Joseph H. Masley, republican national committeeman from Maine.

It has been confirmed that Ambassador White will resign in the fall and be succeeded in Berlin by Dr. Hill, the present first assistant secretary of State.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Hoar reported a bill to limit injunctions. Mr. Penrose presented a report on the exclusion bill. Resolution to investigate the Darien canal plan were shelved.

In the House yesterday Mr. Foster, of Illinois, and Mr. Cochran, of Missouri, discussed the Boer war, criticizing the majority severely for failure to allow Congress to express the sympathy of the American people with the struggling republicans.

Gerónimo, the Apache Indian chief, has petitioned the authorities at Washington to be released from captivity. For the last 14 years Gerónimo has been a military prisoner at Fort Sill, Okla. Now, at the age of 80, he has signified his wish to become a docile subject of the Great Father at Washington.

The republican members of the House opposing the ways and means committee on Cuban reciprocity held a meeting yesterday which resulted in an agreement not to accept any compromise involving a reduction of tariff duties. This in effect is an instruction to insist upon the rebate plan as against the reciprocity plan.

The Vatican has received confidential news, says the Rome correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle," of a serious situation in Ireland. The Fenians have for some months been engaged in an active propaganda with a view to organizing for a general rising. It is believed the Vatican will instruct the Irish clergy to hold aloof from revolutionary agitation.

A students' riot yesterday, at St. Petersburg, in which over 10,000 people participated, kept a small army of police and cavalry busy throughout the day. Probably 100 arrests were made, but the repressive measures were not so strict as on the corresponding Sunday of 1901. While many persons were injured, fatalities were reported. The Czars, while driving in a sleigh, nearly came in contact with one of the mobs.

The principal witnesses in the Wilcox trial in Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday were Miss Ollie Crosey, a sister, and Miss Carrie Crosey, a cousin of the dead girl, Nellie Crosey. Miss Ollie stated that Wilcox had been angry with Nellie for several weeks before the night she disappeared. That night he sat in the room with her without speaking to Nellie, but called her out as he left, and they never saw her alive again.

TO COERCE THE SOUTH.

The House committee on rules by a party vote decided to report the resolution of Representative Crumpacker, for a special committee of 13 members to investigate and report on the alleged disfranchisement of voters in some of the States.

The democratic members of the committee—Representatives Richardson, of Tennessee, and Underwood, of Alabama—protested against reporting the resolution, and when it was ordered to be reported by the affirmative votes of the republican members of the committee—Speaker Henderson and Representatives Dalzell and Grosvenor—the democratic members consulted their colleagues on the floor of the House and began considering the advisability of expressing their dissent by resorting to the most extreme devices of parliamentary procedure, even to the extent of stopping the regular procedure of the House. It is the intention to submit the matter to a democratic caucus, probably on Wednesday night. A caucus has been called for that night to consider the Boer war, and in view of the sentiment among democratic members, it is expected that unanimous consent will be given to consider this disfranchisement question.

The action of the committee on rules in favor of the Crumpacker resolution will not be reported to the House for about 10 days, as Representative Grosvenor, who is to make the report, will be out of the city temporarily. Ex-Senators Hill and Gorman favor opposition to the measure to the bitter end. Mr. Bryan says, "If investigation of election methods includes northern elections as well as southern, there ought to be no objection; but an investigation that ignored the fraud practiced in the Hanna Senatorial election and in the Pennsylvania elections would be unfair. The committee should also investigate the coercion practiced by employers and bankers, as well as fraud practiced on black men. An investigation, to be valuable, must not be partisan."

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The suffrage conference of the Constitutional Convention took action yesterday that presages the defeat of the minority plan and the early settlement of the suffrage problem. After an hour's debate the conference adopted Mr. Meredith's amendment to strike out the educational requirements of the Glass plan for application in writing to be admitted to registration.

This was regarded as a victory for the Gordon property qualification provision. The Meredith amendment was strongly opposed by Senators Daniel, Carter, Glass and Attorney-General Anderson.

At the afternoon session in which most of the time was devoted to filibustering and confusion, Dr. McIlwaine introduced an amendment which routed the Thom-Gordon forces, and placed the Glass-Daniel side in the saddle again. The amendment, by striking out the grandfather feature of the Gordon property qualification amendment, makes it nearly a straight property qualification prerequisite. The Glass-Daniel element voted for it to a man, and it was adopted. The object was to kill off the Gordon amendment, and necessarily the Meredith amendment of the morning.

In the convention Chairman Anderson, of the committee on final revision and adjustment, reported a substitute for the original resolution looking to the appointment of a legislative commission. This request, rather than direct, the appointment of such a commission by the general assembly. It was adopted.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Hiram Hoffman, a well-known resident of Remington, died at that place last night after a short illness.

Col. Charles E. Shryock, the oldest citizen of Stephens City, Frederick county, died Sunday, aged eighty-three years. He had passed his whole life in that place.

Mr. W. W. Kinchloe, of Brentsville, after suffering several months, died at his home Saturday night, in the 60th year of his age. Mr. Kinchloe was an ex-Confederate soldier, an ex-member of the State Legislature, and had served as Treasurer of his county for twelve years.

Five prisoners confined in the Newport News police station effected their escape at an early hour yesterday morning by digging a hole through the brick wall on the north side of the building and using the gallows, which has stood in the yard for two years, as a ladder in climbing over the high brick wall surrounding the Courthouse.

The Norfolk street car strikers are returning to work. The strike breakers, who went there, are leaving for other places where their services are needed. The Norfolk and Portsmouth militiamen, five companies, are supposed to respond to an emergency call and can be on duty within a half hour after the call sounds. The railway people are guarding against dynamiting cars.

J. W. Jenkins was convicted in the Corporation Court of Norfolk yesterday on a charge of placing an obstruction on the track of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, in Church street, last week while the strike was in progress. He was sentenced to a number of years. There are a number of other strike sympathizers charged with like offenses, who are to be tried at this term of the court.

Preliminary surveys have been made around Leesburg with a view of extending the corporate limits of the town. Since 1870, when the corporation was last extended, the town has greatly increased in size, until many of the prettiest homes in Leesburg are not in the limits of the town. Should the limits be extended, as proposed, the population of the town would be increased by 200 to 300.

A. B. Davis, Ludwell Hutchinson, Joseph M. Martin, E. W. Skinner and Robert H. Gray, the board of commissioners appointed by the Loudoun county court to ascertain the damages for the making of a new road from Trappe to Bluemont, which would run through the estate of F. N. Moore, rendered their report on Saturday and fixed the compensation due Mr. Moore at \$1,365. This litigation, known as the Frezzer Moore road case, has been in the court now for over a year and has been warmly contested.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

When the bill amending the code in relation to the practice of medicine, so as to require osteopaths, Christian scientists, and others to stand examination before the State medical board, came up on motion of Mr. Harvey, the patron of the bill, it was passed by and will come up under the same head today.

Senator Anderson introduced a bill giving to telegraph companies the right to construct lines along the right of way of railroads, and to secure the right of condemnation, if necessary. Such a bill provoked a tremendous fight at the session of the legislature two years ago. It was defeated. The Postal Telegraph Company was a bill of this character, and heretofore Western Union has opposed it. It is presumed there has been no change of heart.

Mr. Gold pension bill and the Norfolk bridge bills are special orders in the Senate for today, and the good roads bill for Thursday. The Matthews dog law is the special order in the House tomorrow.

The Senate finance committee spent several hours last night at work on the appropriation bill. Liberal increases were made in the allowance to all the State hospitals, including the necessary sum for new buildings at Williamsburg. The committee decided to recommend the increase of the salary of Labor Commissioner Doherty from \$800 to \$1,200.

The employers' liability bill, or, as it is more commonly known, the fellow-servants' law, will go into force in Virginia after years of contest in the Legislature. The House passed it yesterday and Gov. Montague is pledged to sign it, having made it one of the issues of the campaign before the people. The measure had several times before passed the House, but until now had each time been killed in the Senate.

The House took up a general good roads bill, and there is a prospect of passing a bill that will inaugurate an intelligent method of permanent road-making.

Mr. Wallace offered a resolution which was promptly adopted but not acted upon by the Senate, providing that no new business shall be introduced or considered after next Thursday. It is not altogether certain, though quite likely, that the Senate will concur.

The committee on privileges and elections reported a bill amending the law in relation to preserving order at the polls. The body also reported the legislative reapportionment bill, and decided to hear objections to proposed changes Wednesday night.

The House held two sessions, that of the afternoon aside from the passage of the liability bill being devoted to uncontested bills, most of which are local measures.

BISHOP VAN DE VYVER.—Bishop Van de Vyver left Richmond yesterday morning, via New York, for Belgium to visit the bedside of a dying brother. The statement that Bishop Curtis, of Baltimore, will preside over the diocese during the absence of Bishop Van de Vyver is erroneous. The Vice General, the Rev. Father Bowler, will preside, and Bishop Curtis will only visit Richmond on certain occasions to conduct those services which only a bishop can perform. Bishop Curtis will go there on Wednesday of Holy Week, and on Holy Thursday will bless the holy oils to be used for sacramental purposes. On Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock he will celebrate pontifical mass. Bishop Van de Vyver, as he stood at the open door of a carriage, making the sign of the cross over the bowed heads of a hundred kneeling friends, presented a picture of the like of which has never been witnessed. Grace shone there. There was no time after the mass early yesterday morning to say good bye, so about a hundred of the parishioners assembled on the sidewalk between the mansion and the carriage to bid him Godspeed as he started.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News.

Lincoln, March 18.—St. Macdon won the Lincolnshire handicap race today. Sceptre was second and Overmorton third. The stake was worth 1,000 guineas.

London, March 18.—General Lord Kitchener, in his weekly report to the war office, received today, announces the capture of Commandant Emmett, the redoubtable Boer who led the victorious Boers forces in the fight at Fort Little, Zululand, last October.

Cuxhaven, March 18.—Prince Henry arrived here this afternoon. He was cordially greeted by the Kaiser and a great crowd.

London, March 18.—A dispatch from Capetown dated noon today, stated that Cecil Rhodes was gradually sinking.

London, March 18.—It is announced that King Edward will give dinners to 500,000 of London's poor during the week following the coronation.

Berlin, March 18.—The Kaiser has conferred the order of the Red Eagle on the Norddeutscher and Hamburg-American lines. It is stated that the honor was conferred in recognition of the success of the officials in weakening the opposition of their lines by the Morgan shipping trust.

Madrid, March 18.—The delay in the solution of the cabinet crisis is reported to be due to the Queen Regent's objection to Premier Sagasta's democratic programme, which the Queen's clerical advisers declare is irreligious. The programme has also created dissensions among the liberal leaders. If the matter is not settled today the whole liberal situation will be imperilled.

Berlin, March 18.—The Lokal Anzeiger today learns that Prince Henry of Prussia's eldest son, Prince Waldmar, is going to a sanatorium, near Dresden. The young prince, Queen's clerical advisers declare is irreligious. The programme has also created dissensions among the liberal leaders. If the matter is not settled today the whole liberal situation will be imperilled.

London, March 18.—Major (Gayford), who is a member of General Lord Kitchener's staff, in South Africa, in a letter received at home today says: "It is a cruel war the British press is holding out hopes that the war will be over by the coronation. We, who are here, realize that it will not end inside of two years."

A Dastardly Act.

Kansas City, Mo., March 18.—Edward Releford went to his wife's home yesterday, the couple not having lived together for some months, and asked her to take him back. Mrs. Releford said she would not until he had stopped drinking. Releford picked up his baby, carried it into an adjoining room, put it on a chair, returned to the kitchen and dropped three dynamite cartridges over his wife's shoulder into the fire. The explosion followed instantaneously. Mrs. Releford was blown through the house. Her old mother, was horribly cut by flying iron. The house took fire and Releford escaped in the confusion which followed. He was arrested later and on him a note was found expressing his intention of putting dynamite in the coal and taking his own life afterwards. It concluded with: "To my friends and my enemies: Go to hell." He was hurried to jail to escape summary punishment by a mob. Mrs. Releford cannot see, but is not known whether her sight is permanently destroyed. The body is injured slightly.

The Rebellion in China.

Hong Kong, March 18.—The rebellion in Kwang-Si, Kwang-Tung, and Yunnan provinces is assuming a serious aspect. General Ma recently engaged the rebels at Pang Cheng. After two days fighting Ma was compelled to retreat. The rebels captured Pang Cheng, and established their headquarters there. They killed all the Mandarins in the place, and looted stores, and houses. The rebels have stationed themselves between the two imperial forces, thus making a junction impossible. They are also seizing the supplies sent from the interior for the government forces. Many of the imperial troops are joining the insurgents, attracted by the loot.

Hanged for Murder.

Camden, N. J., March 18.—John Young was hanged at Mount Holly jail about 10:08 o'clock this morning. After hanging thirty minutes the body was taken down and a post mortem held. The crime for which Young was hanged was committed January 25th, 1901. He, with two other men, Charles Brown, who was hanged for his part in the crime on December 31 last, and Otto Keller, who saved his neck by making a confession, went to Riverside, N. J., intending to rob Washington Hunter, a farmer for whom Young had worked. They arrived in the Hunter home about midnight and attacked the old man, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death a few days later.

More Trouble in Norfolk.

Norfolk Va., March 18.—Last night trolley poles were sawed down and thrown across the tracks to prevent running of cars. A mob stormed the car barns with bricks and was repulsed by the civil guard who emptied buckshot into the crowd. A pistol shot fired through a car in the suburbs, passed through the hat of W. H. Minor, a passenger on the car.

A Russian Monroe Doctrine.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—Sweet today declares that Russia will not allow American to compel Turkey to pay the ransom money exacted by the brigands who released Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, nor will Russia tolerate any interference in her sphere of influence. Russia, the paper adds, will enunciate a Monroe doctrine for the east of Europe.

Storm on the Coast.

Norfolk Va., March 18.—A terrific storm prevails on the coast today, with the wind blowing 45 miles an hour at Cape Henry. All shipping at sea is in great danger. Four boys were drowned in the Cumberland mill pond near Fayetteville, N. C., while crossing in a boat.

The Market.

Georgetown, Mar. 18.—Wheat 75.83.

MARRIED IN A POLICE COURT.—Dr. Joseph Pettier, of Philadelphia, who is charged with assaulting 14-year-old Inez Lightner, was married to the latter in the Police Court in Richmond yesterday. The girl, upon whose charge Pettier was arrested, had most positively declared she would not marry the man. The ceremony took place after the adjournment of the Police Court, in the presence of a number of city officials and bangers-on. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. E. Garson, of the Baptist church. After the marriage Pettier was locked up on a charge of neglecting to pay a hotel bill.

The freight steamer Richmond of the Old Dominion line was badly damaged by colliding with a bark in New York bay during a fog on Sunday night.

THE BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

HONOR TO IRELAND'S PATRON SAINT—THRILLING ADDRESSES—SODALITY LYCEUM HALL SCENE OF AN INTERESTING GATHERING.

It was generally conceded that the banquet and surrounding attending the celebration of St. Patrick's Day by the Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, excelled all previous attempts of that organization, and those who attended are profuse in their praise of those who managed the affair. It was a decided success in every particular, and the affair will long be remembered as one of the most festive scenes ever witnessed in Alexandria. Everything in connection with the celebration was carried out with precision, and the conception was good, excellent taste displayed and every detail carried out to perfection. The hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with the flag of green and harp of gold, and a profusion of palms and ferns. There were many colored lights, which augmented the scene greatly. The tables were arranged in the shape of the letter E, and were also prettily decorated. Arranged on the stage at one end of the hall were pictures of St. Patrick, Pope Leo XIII, George Washington and Rev. Father O'Kane, the founder of the Lyceum. Music had been provided for the occasion a stringed orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. E. R. Dunn, having been secured, the invited guests were received by a committee of the local division, and at 9 o'clock were escorted to the banquet hall. Covers were laid for 135.

The company having been arranged, Mr. E. R. Dunn, Mr. Birrell called the assemblage to order, and after he had delivered an address of welcome Rev. Father O'Kane invoked a blessing upon the feast. The participants were subsequently seated and the discussion of the following menu, which had been prepared with the best culinary skill by Mrs. A. Rammel & Sons, was discussed with evident relish:

Celery, queen olives, New York rock-aways, raw, Rammel's fried, select pickled, oyster patties a la Seltzer, roast turkey, cranberry sauce; fillet of beef, liver ham, beef tongue, lobster mayonnaise, chicken a la normande, prawns, vinegared, potatoes, remoulade; radishes, Florida tomatoes, Waldorf relish, cold slaw, cheese tarts, Saratoga chips, baked wafers, Vienna rolls, raspberry, grapes and candied jellies, pears, oranges, bananas, tangerines, apples, mangel grapes. Cafe noir, cigars.

The feast proceeded for about three-quarters of an hour in a most happy strain, during which the most enlivening conversation was carried on. Finally Mr. Birrell, who proved an efficient toastmaster, again rapped the company to order and announced that Mayor Simpson would respond to the toast, "Our City." The Mayor arose amid much applause, and in his usual easy and charming manner enthused his hearers with what might be termed his chief concern, the city and drew a number of pleasant pictures concerning Alexandria and the numbers who have figured in the city's history in by-gone years. His speech was justly appreciated and he took his seat amid much applause.

Hon. Thomas M. Patterson followed in response to the sentiment, "Our Country." His speech was also a masterpiece and was listened to with the closest attention. He pictured the United States in its past and present history and animated his hearers to the highest pitch before he concluded. He took his seat amid applause.

"St. Patrick" was the next toast, and Rev. Wm. A. McKeffery, of Worcester, Mass., responded in place of Rev. John A. Conway, who was unavoidably prevented from being on hand. As soon as Father McKeffery began it was seen that he was master of his subject, and by the time he concluded it was generally agreed that his address on the life of Ireland's patron saint was one of the best ever heard in this city. His eulogy was exhaustive in its nature, fitting and delivered in an interesting and thrilling manner. He was much applauded.

Hon. George P. Foster was the next speaker, his subject being the "Irish-American Citizen." He enlisted close attention throughout his speech and handled his theme with marvelous skill, evoking great applause.

Hon. John F. Rixey, of Watertown, N. Y., responded to the toast, "Our State." He evoked the usual earnest applause which greets him in Alexandria, and made an interesting speech. His graphic descriptions of the Old Dominion produced much effect upon his hearers, and when he took his seat the marks of approbation were loud and prolonged.

"Our Order" was most happily responded to by Mr. M. P. Riley. While his remarks were particularly interesting to all Hibernians, they were most instructive and entertaining to all present; and much that he said will long be remembered.

The last feature of the programme was a series of Irish songs by Mr. J. B. Swift, of Missouri, after he had made an interesting and pathetic address. He was, as on former occasions in Alexandria, listened to very closely and enjoyed throughout. The applause he at times received was hearty.

It was nearly midnight when the company adjourned, all highly pleased with the scenes through which they had passed, and unanimously in the opinion that the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, 1902, was an epoch in the history of Alexandria Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure a Cough or Cold at once. Conquer Croup, Whooping Cough and Measle Cough without fail. Best for Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Grippe, Pneumonia, Consumption and Lung Affection. Dives quick, sure results. Price 25c Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

For the Complexion.

The complexion always suffers from biliousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of nightly eruptions. Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers keep the liver and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles. C. E. Hooper, Albany, Ga., says: "I took Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than in years." Never gives or distress. Safe, thorough and gentle. The very best pills. For sale by E. S. Leadbetter & Son.

DIED.

At her home in this city, March 18, 1902, PHOEBE W. FULLAN, widow of Samuel Fullan, aged 77 years. Funeral services at her late residence at 2 p. m. Thursday, which will be continued at Sharon Chapel, Fairfax county, whence the interment will be made.

RUBEL AND ALLEGRETTI'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS, BON BONS and CANDIES at FRENCH'S BOOKSTORE.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

The ship subsidy bill passed the Senate last yesterday afternoon, after a day of debate, by a vote of 42 to 31. The republican majority was not solid in support of the measure. The six Senators from the three republican States of Iowa, Wisconsin and Vermont, Messrs. Allison, Dilliver, Spooner, Quarles, Proctor and Dillingham voted against it on its final passage. On the other hand, the entire democratic side was arrayed in opposition, excepting, of course, Mr. McLaurin, of South Carolina, who cannot properly be classed with the democratic side.

Some amendments to the bill were adopted, but they were all agreeable to those in charge of the measure, the friends of the bill voting down all other amendments. With the exception of amendments offered by Mr. Allison, and accepted by Mr. Frye, limiting the time of the operation of contract made under the provisions of the bill to July 1, 1920, and providing that the amount of the expenditure under the mail subsidy paragraph should not at any time exceed \$8,000,000 annually, none of the amendments agreed to materially affected the bill as it was reported from the commerce committee.

Senator Hanna's amendment denying the benefits of the bill to foreign but ships owned by Americans met the greatest objection of the opponents of the measure, but was adopted.

Mr. Vest's "free ship" amendment, providing that American citizens may purchase vessels where they can be purchased most cheaply and have them registered as American ships, was rejected—25 to 48.

Mr. Malloy's amendment providing that no vessel should receive any subsidy until the managing owner had filed an affidavit with the Secretary of the Treasury declaring that no one owning an interest in the ship had been a party during the previous 12 months to any combination in restraint of coast trade was rejected, 26 to 46.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Grover Cleveland spent his 65th birthday today at his home in Westland, New Jersey, surrounded by his family and his books. There were no formal receptions, the ex-President receiving his friends as he would on any ordinary day. Many from the college called on him.

An anonymous letter writer has threatened the life of Col. John N. Taylor of East Liverpool, O., declaring he would be murdered unless the sum of \$5,000 was placed where the writer could get it. It is believed the writer is the same who threatened to abduct the children of a prominent family in the Carnegie steel company of Pittsburgh, if not given \$25,000.

The village of Sherman, Pa., is in an uproar over a game of poker. The good pastor went to call on one of his parishioners and knocking at the door was told to come in. He found half a dozen men playing a game of cards around the table covered with cards and dice. The minister, horrified, rushed from the room.

Max C. Mayer, 33 years old, confidential man for Baltimore, Md., bankers and brokers